

MCAC ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT (E&E) SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING



July 20, 2022

Agenda

- **3:00 – 3:10 Welcome, Introductions, and Ground Rules:**
Eric Scharf, MCAC E&E Subcommittee Chair; DC Advocacy Chair, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, National Capital Area Chapter;
Taylor Woods, DHCF Staff Lead, E&E Subcommittee; Special Projects Officer, Health Care Policy and Research Administration (HCPRA), DHCF
- **3:10 – 4:15 Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) Updates:**
 - Update on Postpartum Eligibility Extension
(Mario Ramsey, Associate Director, Division of Regulation and Policy Management (DRPM), HCPRA, DHCF)
 - Unwinding of Federal Preparation Federal Public Health Emergency and Alliance and Immigrant Children’s Program Renewal Restart
(Danielle Lewis Wright, Associate Director, Division of Eligibility Policy (DEP), HCPRA, DHCF)
- **4:15– 4:25 DHCF Enrollment Report Update/Status**
(April Grady, Director, Analytics and Policy Research Administration, DHCF)
- **4:25 – 4:30 Next Steps**
(Taylor Woods, Special Projects Officer, HCPRA)
- **4:30 Adjourn**

Update on Postpartum Eligibility Extension

Mario Ramsey, Associate Director, DRPM, HCPRA, DHCF

BACKGROUND: Expansion of Postpartum Medicaid Coverage

- Section 9812 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 adds a new section 1902(e)(16) to the Social Security Act to extend postpartum coverage
 - States have the option to extend postpartum continuous coverage to include a period from the last day of pregnancy to the last day of the month in which the 12-month period ends.
 - Will provide **Full Medicaid benefits** during pregnancy and the 12-month postpartum period.
 - The option begins on April 1, 2022 and is authorized through March 30, 2027.
 - **As required in District legislation, DHCF applied for this extension and received approval from CMS**
 - **Effective as of April 1, 2022**

Eligibility for the Postpartum Eligibility Extension

- Eligible Participants

- Current enrollees who are pregnant on or after April 1, 2022 (the effective date of the SPA) and current and new beneficiaries who enroll based on pregnancy.
- Current enrollees who were receiving Medicaid or CHIP, **in the District**, while pregnant, who are no longer pregnant when the SPA became effective on April 1, 2022 but are still within the 12-month postpartum period.
- Individuals who apply for Medicaid after their pregnancy ends but who received Medicaid covered services, **in the District**, while pregnant on or after the effective date of the SPA if those services were received during a period of retroactive eligibility.

Update on Unwinding of the Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) and Alliance and ICP Renewal Restart

Danielle Lewis-Wright, Associate Director, Division of Eligibility Policy, Health Care Policy and Research Administration, DHCF



Medicaid Unwinding Update & Alliance and Immigrant Children's Program (ICP) Renewal Restart Update

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D.C. Department of Health Care Finance



Presentation Overview



- Medicaid Unwinding Update and Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) Extension
- Alliance and ICP Renewal Restart
- Changes to the Alliance and ICP: MAGI Methodology
- Alliance and ICP Income Levels Under MAGI Methodology
- Additional Alliance Changes
- Overview of Alliance and ICP Eligibility Requirements and Verifications
- Alliance and ICP Renewal Process
- Ways to Complete and Submit Alliance and ICP renewals
- Questions and Comments



Unwinding of the Medicaid PHE



- On 7/15, Secretary Becerra of the Department of Health and Human Services issued an extension for an additional 90 days for the Federal PHE.
 - New extension expiration date: 10/13/2022
 - HHS committed to provide states a minimum of 60 days advance notice before the federal PHE ends (If PHE will end 10/13/2022; States should receive notice by mid-August)
- District's focus: Encourage beneficiaries to go to District Direct to update their contact information to ensure future communications are sent to the correct address.
- District Direct allows beneficiaries to complete their renewal, report changes, submit verifications, and view notices online or through the mobile app. Beneficiaries may visit <https://districtdirect.dc.gov/> or download the mobile app through the Apple App Store or Google Play.
- Outreach and Communication Contractor- Solicitation closes on 7/26
 - Communication and Education Campaign
 - District Specific Unwinding Communication Toolkit
 - Advertising Plan
 - Community Outreach Plan



Alliance and ICP Renewal Restart Began July 1, 2022



- The District's public health emergency ended on July 25, 2021
- Alliance and ICP households' eligibility were extended until July 2022
- First renewal restart group: Alliance and ICP beneficiaries with August 31, 2022 recert end date.
 - Alliance and ICP renewals will continue on a rolling monthly basis
 - 375 ICP renewals mailed out with 8/31/22 recertification end date
 - 2,776 Alliance renewals mailed out with 8/31/22 recertification end date
- At renewals, Alliance beneficiaries are required to provide verifications for income and D.C. residency



There Have Been Changes to Alliance and ICP Eligibility Requirements in the Past Two Years



- Alliance and ICP now follow MAGI methodology, which is used to determine eligibility for the following groups: Childless Adult (21-64), Children (0-20), Parent/Caretaker Relatives, and Pregnant Individuals.
- Applicants and beneficiaries will be asked about their tax households and tax filing status. If taxes are not filed, the applicant or beneficiary will be considered a non-tax filer.
- The change promotes parity between Medicaid and locally funded programs.
- Alliance program no longer has a resource test of \$4000 for HH1 or \$6,000 for HH2.



Changes to Alliance and ICP: MAGI Income Levels



Household Size	DC Health Care Alliance Program
	210% +5% Income disregard
1 person household, monthly	\$2,434.88
2 person household, monthly	\$3,280.54
3 person household, monthly	\$4,126.21
4 person household, monthly	\$4,971.88
5 person household, monthly	\$5,817.54

Household Size	ICP Children (0-18), 319%	ICP Children (19-20)
	319% + 5% disregard	216% + 5% disregard
1 person household, monthly	\$3,669	\$2,502
2 person household, monthly	\$4,943	\$3,372
3 person household, monthly	\$6,218	\$4,241
4 person household, monthly	\$7,492	\$5,110
5 person household, monthly	\$8,766	\$5,979



Certification Periods Increasing to 12 Months & Face-to-Face Interview No Longer Required



- August 2022 and September 2022 renewals recertification periods will be for 6 months.
 - Individuals recertifying in August and September will need to recertify in April/March 2023
- Effective for all renewals after October 1, 2022, Alliance certification periods will increase from 6 months to 12 months.
- A face-to-face interview is NO LONGER REQUIRED for Alliance at recertification or initial application.
- Reminder: ICP certification periods will continue to be 12 months.
- Alliance and ICP beneficiaries can now complete applications, recertifications, and changes through District DIRECTV's website and mobile app.



Refresher: Alliance and ICP Eligibility Requirements



Program	Requirement
Alliance	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Individual aged 21 years old and older2. Meet District residency requirement3. Have income at or below 210% FPL (+5% disregard)4. Not eligible for Medicaid or other third party medical or health coverage
Immigrant Children's Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Individual aged 20 years old and younger2. Meet District residency requirement3. Have income at or below 319% (+5% disregard) if aged 0-18 and 216% (+5% disregard) if aged 19-20.4. Not eligible for Medicaid or other third party medical or health coverage



At renewals Alliance beneficiaries are required to provide verifications for income and D.C. residency



Verification Type	Examples of Acceptable Verification Documents
Income	<p>Recent paystubs (from the last 30 days)</p> <p>Self-employment: most recent tax return form</p> <p>Statement showing retirement income, disability income, or Workers Compensation</p> <p>Pension or annuity statement</p> <p>Unemployment Income statements</p>
Residency (only one form of verification is required for Alliance and ICP beneficiaries age 20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DC driver’s license, identification card, or DC One Card •Active lease, rental agreement, or rent receipt •Utility or telephone bill •Pay stub or earning statement issued within the previous 30 days with the individual’s name and District of Columbia address •Property tax bill issued within the last 60 days for property located in the District of Columbia •Completed Residency Form



Alliance and ICP Renewal Process



- ❑ Renewal forms will now be sent 60 days instead of 90 days before the end of the beneficiary's certification period. For example, households due to renew August 31, 2022, were sent a renewal form on July 1, 2022.
- ❑ Converted cases are cases that have been transferred from ACEDS to District Direct. In order to be fully converted, the beneficiary or household needs to complete a conversion renewal form.
- ❑ Most Alliance and ICP households will use the Conversion Renewal Form to renew benefits:

 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Human Services (DHS) 
Economic Security Administration (ESA)

Conversion Renewal Form

This is a supplemental form for medical assistance. A friend, relative, or anyone that you wish, may help you complete this application.


Medical
(Doctors, hospitals, prescriptions, labs, and x-rays)

- free or low-cost insurance from Medicaid
- free or low-cost insurance from the D.C. Healthcare Alliance or Immigrant Children's Program
- affordable, private health insurance plans through the Marketplace
- a tax credit that can immediately help pay your premiums for health coverage.



Save Time! Submit Your Renewal Online!



- **Alliance and ICP beneficiaries may submit their completed renewals:**

- Online:** District Direct allows beneficiaries to complete their renewal, report changes, submit verifications, and view notices online or through the mobile app. Beneficiaries may visit <https://districtdirect.dc.gov/> or download the mobile app through the Apple App Store or Google Play. **Please encourage beneficiaries to complete their renewal online!**

- By Phone:** Call Center (202) 727-5355; Language & Translation Line 1-855-532-5465

- Mail**

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Case Record Management Unit

P.O. Box 91560 Washington, DC 20090

- Drop-off at a Service Center**

- Fax at (202) 671-4400**



District Direct is available online in English, Spanish, and Amharic!



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Questions?

Materials from today's presentation and additional resources available on the DHCF website:
<https://dhcf.dc.gov/alliance-icp-renewal-faq>

DHCF email for Alliance and ICP renewal restart questions:

DHCFAllianceRecert@dc.gov

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Monthly Enrollment Report Update

April Grady, Director, Analytics and Policy Research Administration, DHCF

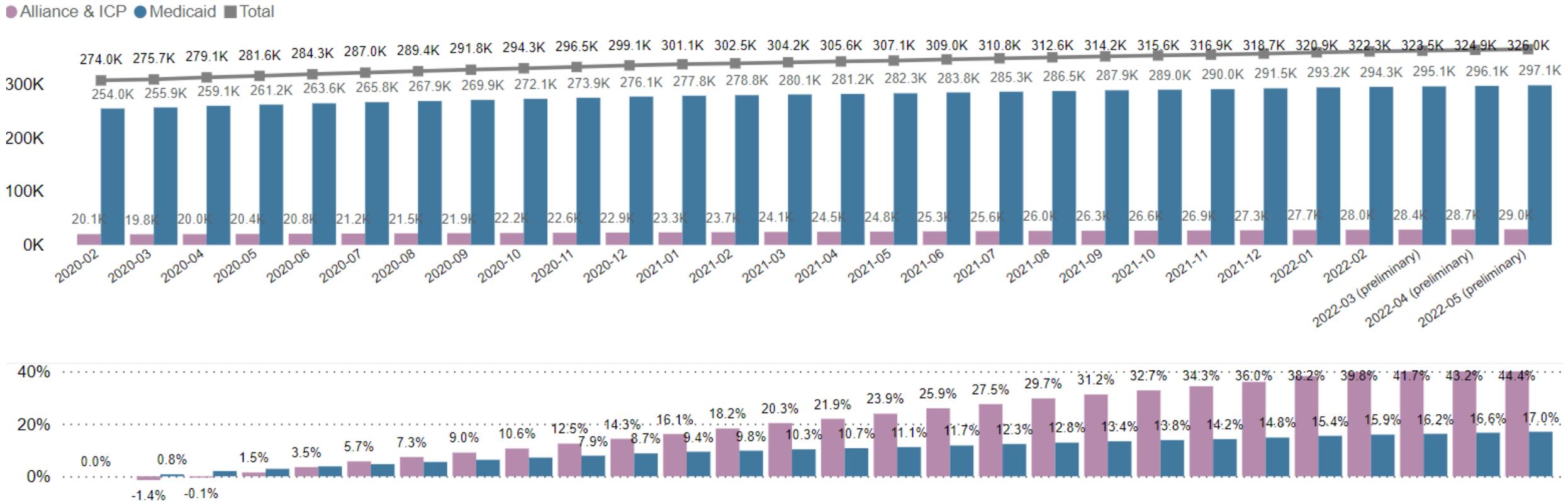
Update on Enrollment Through May 2022



DHCF enrollment for May was 326,037

- **Medicaid** (297,076) has grown by **17.0%** since February 2020 (prior to the federal public health emergency)
- **Alliance** (24,318) and **ICP** (4,643) combined have grown by **44.4%** since February 2020
- Monthly reports with additional detail are on the DHCF website: <https://dhcf.dc.gov/node/1180991>

Number Enrolled and Percentage Change in Enrollment Since February 2020 by Program



Questions and Comments